

Arlington Tree Committee, Meeting minutes, Nov 9, 2016, Arlington Town Hall

Present: Eliza Burden, Eric Ammondsson, Mara Vatz, John Ellis, Ed Trembly, Tim Lecuivre

Absent: Mary Ellen Aronow, Rebecca Edmondson, Susan Stamps

Item 1. Approve July, August, Sept and Oct meeting minutes. All minutes APPROVED.

Item 2. DPW Tree Department Update (Tim)

- Fall planting -- 100 bare root trees arrived last Friday. Varieties include: Turkish Filbert, Princeton elm, Heritage Oak, hophornbeam, linden, columnar sargent cherry. Crews are planting about 10 a day. Being planted with gator bags, watering instructions attached to gator bags AND door hangers. Before planting, Tim examines every site. Tim showed the form that goes out with the crews indicating which trees can be planted at what site so the planting crews have one or more options for a given site. This form also takes into consideration special requests made by homeowners when they requested a tree.

- Several specific locations within town have received new trees:
- Scannell field, - 6 large trees were delivered and planted: 2 Princeton elms, 2 serviceberry, 2 red maples. Tim collaborated with Parks and Rec (incl landscape architect Peter Hedlund) and the new Rec Dept head. Additional trees are expected to be planted in the spring.
- Water tower - 3 trees planted: Princeton elm, hackberry, and a kentucky coffeetree
- Appleton St island – will receive a Princeton elm. Eliza requested that the neighbor requesting the tree be contacted so that she can help with the care of the tree since the last tree planting in that location was unsuccessful presumably due to lack of care
- Forest & Summer St parcel -- planted a thornless hawthorn and sargent cherry

DPW looking into hiring a contractor to help with backlog of maintenance pruning and tree removal) work

Tree Preservation Bylaw: Tree Warden and Building Dept planning. No discussions. We will get an update from Susan

Tree hearing(s) – one occurred for 83 Dorothy Rd on Oct 24 - David Surbanian (contractor) wanted to remove tree for curb cut; 2 homeowners showed up to object; contractor decided to change his plans to move curb cut; Tim will watch to make sure the contractor adheres to the industry standard to prevent negative impact to tree roots.

Mass Ave tree replacements. Tim is not sure when the trees are being replaced.

Grant submission. Application was submitted to DCR on Oct 31 after consultation with ATC members, as well as Tim Lecuivre, Mike Rademacher and Adam Chapdelaine. John seemed to think that we will hear about grants by early next spring